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Letter dated 15 January 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Government of Ukraine on the twentieth anniversary of the decision by Ukraine to become a non-nuclear State (see annex).

The document is presented to commemorate the Trilateral Statement, signed by the Presidents of Ukraine, the United States of America and the Russian Federation in Moscow 20 years ago, on 14 January 1994, which envisaged the practical implementation of Ukraine's decision to become a nuclear-free State.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 99.

(*Signed*) Yuriy **Sergeyev**

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Annex to the letter dated 15 January 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of the Government of Ukraine on the twentieth anniversary of the decision by Ukraine to become a non-nuclear State

Twenty years ago, on 14 January 1994 in Moscow, the Presidents of Ukraine, the United States of America and the Russian Federation signed the Trilateral Statement, which envisaged the practical implementation of Ukraine's decision to become a nuclear-free State.

The United States of America and the Russian Federation, on their own behalf and on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, pledged to provide Ukraine with security assurances in connection with the entry into force of the Treaty on Offensive Strategic Arms and Ukraine's joining the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

The Trilateral Statement also envisaged actions to bring all nuclear activity in Ukraine under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency. In addition, the document addressed the economic aspect of the denuclearization by noting the commitment by the United States to provide Ukraine with significant financial compensation.

Thus, the Trilateral Statement of 1994 provided a strong basis for the modern international security system, leading to enhanced nuclear security. At that moment, a very powerful incentive was given to the global disarmament process.

Today, Ukraine remains a non-nuclear State, having abandoned its supplies of highly enriched uranium two years ago.

In the framework of all international forums, primarily the nuclear security summits, our State has consistently upheld its position on the achievement of an important humanitarian aim — the final destruction of all supplies of nuclear weapons in the world.

We urge those States which possess those types of weapons of mass destruction to continue an active process of nuclear disarmament following the historical and unprecedented example of Ukraine.

Kiev, 14 January 2014

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Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Letter dated 10 December 2013 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bhutan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith a letter dated 5 December 2013 addressed to you from the Prime Minister of Bhutan, Tshering Tobgay, concerning the report entitled "Happiness: towards a new development paradigm", prepared by the Steering Committee and the Secretariat for the New Development Paradigm, with contributions from the International Expert Working Group (see annex).

The above-mentioned report was prepared in follow-up to General Assembly resolution 65/309, entitled "Happiness: towards a holistic approach to development", and is submitted under agenda item 14, "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields".

It would be appreciated it you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly.

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Annex to the letter dated 10 December 2013 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bhutan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to present to you the report entitled "Happiness: towards a new development paradigm" (available from http://www.newdevelopment paradigm.bt), prepared by the Steering Committee and the Secretariat for the New Development Paradigm, with contributions from the International Expert Working Group. The Steering Committee and the International Expert Working Group were established following the high-level meeting on well-being and happiness held on 2 April 2012 at United Nations Headquarters in follow-up to General Assembly resolution 65/309, entitled "Happiness: towards a holistic approach to development".

The Kingdom of Bhutan is honoured to present this report as a contribution to the current global conversation on a transformative post-2015 development agenda. The report is inspired by Bhutan's development approach, which is based on the philosophy of gross national happiness, and seeks to propose happiness as a guiding vision for a new development agenda. The four pillars of gross national happiness, which are proposed as core dimensions of this new agenda, are: sustainable and equitable socioeconomic development; environmental conservation; preservation and promotion of culture; and good governance. It is our sincere hope that the report will complement the recommendations contained in other reports, including the report of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

We kindly request that the report be shared with all Member States.

(*Signed*) Tshering **Tobgay**
Prime Minister of Bhutan